

Grace's Mountain View

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THANK YOU/APPRECIATION SUNDAY will be held Sunday, October 10th during the worship service. We will be dedicating the new windows, new stove, and the new paint job in the sanctuary and thanking all those who have donated their time to work on these projects, donated monies

for the windows and stove, and to all those who have donated memorials to these various projects.

It is also *Pastor Appreciation Sunday*. We will be making a donation to Luther Seminary in Pastor Ann's honor. We will also be serving cake in honor of Pastor Ann during coffee/fellowship. Then around 11:00 A.M., following Sunday School, the council will serve a "thank you" lunch! Following the worship service, the council will serve a "thank you" pulled pork lunch made by our own renowned chef Jeff Leitheiser! Everyone is invited to enjoy the meal as a thank you for your generosity and dedication to Grace Lutheran Church.



September 2021



Yippee, it's raining! From what I have read in John Wheeler's column in The Forum, we have only had half the rain it would take to get back to normal. We were shocked at the level of the Ottetail River when we drove through Rochert last week on the way to my niece's wedding. There was a sandbar that looked to be about 20 feet long on the west side of the road. And, we are dealing with the smoke from the fires in Canada so that the sun takes on an eerie color in the morning. And, we have had the report from the scientist who have attributed much of this drama to climate change.... dry is getting dryer and wet is getting wetter in parts of the country. It's important that we hear what is true AND also what we can do to mitigate the damage so that we do not loose heart and throw up our hands in defeat which could make things worse.

We have returned to the book of Mark after our five weeks focus on the Bread of Life discourse in John's Gospel. What Jesus reminds the crowds, the leaders and his own disciples is that our actions and our words need to match. What we say is important needs to have actions from us that correspond, and what's the most disturbing from the 7th chapter.... Jesus says that evil is not "out there" it comes from each human heart. It's quite possible to do the right thing for the wrong reason and each person needs to be self-aware enough to recognize WHY we behave as we do. Our hearts are also capable of good intentions as well as good actions for the love of God, self and neighbors.

In an August 11, 2021 article in Christian Century, author Stanley Hauerwas writes: "The pastor is supposed to be a truth teller who helps the baptized grow up and survive as Christians." All of us need to be reminded that we have been called by God to do God's work through our baptisms. We cannot expect it to be easy or cost free.

Looking forward to God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on September 12.... See you there!

Blessings,

Pastor Ann

Well, here we are ending August already. Time is moving pretty fast and we are trying to organize some activities that will help us get our mission message out to the community. At the same time, we are looking at ways to increase our income so that we don't have to keep pulling from our savings account.

During the last year and a half, we have had to pull a pretty substantial amount from our Rainy-Day fund because our offerings were down (since we did not have worship for a while) which made it more difficult for the congregation to get their weekly offerings into the church. Needless to say, the savings have decreased dramatically and now that church is once again opening on a more "normal" basis, we as the council would like for you to consider making a commitment as the council has, and that is to increase your offering by ever how much you can each week. If it is 50 cents then make that commitment to give that extra 50 cents every week without fail. Notice I said without fail. If you can't be at church, then either mail it in or drop it off during the week. It is very important that each of us make sure that our giving is consistent so that the bills can be paid without always taking it from savings. The consistency of your offering is just as important as the amount. The amount that has been taken from the savings account also includes payment for some repairs that have had to be made to the building/equipment.

Also, your commitment to serving is just as important as the financial giving portion. Now that we are back into full swing church again, we need everyone to serve where they can. Ushers, Readers of Lessons, taking care of the grounds etc. Fortunate for us we do have some very faithful people who consistently give of their time and talents to help keep Grace in good operating condition. For these folks were are so very thankful.

In order for Grace to continue to thrive, we need all of the above things that I have mentioned. Please consider and commit whatever talents and financial support you can do and then be consistent.

Blessings and many thanks to all of you!

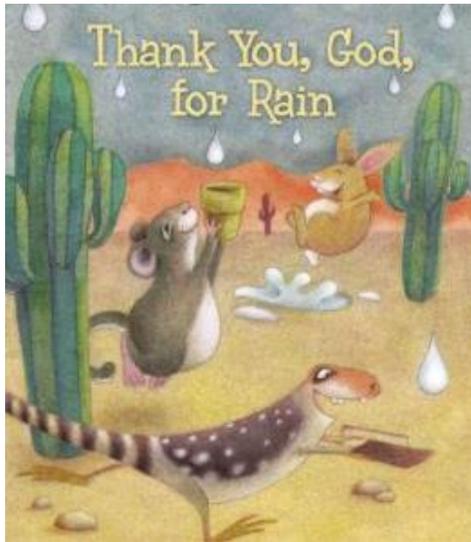
Lillian

CHURCH



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30 P.M.



† WORSHIP--- On Sunday September 12th which is God's Work...Our Hands Sunday was discussed. Our project will be to fill "Blizzard Bags:" for the Meals on Wheels. A light lunch will be served following completion of the project.

† OLD & NEW BUSINESS---The Rummage Sale has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday September 10-11. We will be serving lunch for the Northwest Synod on October 16th,

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30 P.M.

David Stowman,

Secretary

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHT

- † Meeting was called to order by President Lillian Nybo.
- † Devotions given by Lillian Nybo.
- † Ranae Sexton was present to discuss the oven situation. She has donated monies in memory of Roger Sexton to purchase the oven. Mark's Electric will be installing the wiring at an estimated price of \$2,000.00. Jim Brogren Jr. has been working with Ranae to complete the purchase.
- † Correspondence was read and discussed.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † Pastor Ann gave her report. A worship leader is needed for September 26th.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

Total Income	\$9,274.40
July Total Expenses	\$9,903.67
Checkbook Balance 7/31/2021	\$2,819.74
Rainy Day Fund	\$19,441.51
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,025.82
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,167.48
Savings Balance	\$11,045.11
Mortgage Balance	\$152,023.65

A motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to Teach Haiti. A motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to Luther Seminary for Pastor's Recognition Sunday. Due to the increase in postage rates, a motion was made and passed to purchase an additional roll of stamps.

† PROPERTY---The coffee maker was repaired by Jerry Schwoboda and Gerry Nybo. Blace Schmidt sprayed the weeds. Gerry Nybo has been watering the gardens. Thanks to all of you for keeping our church grounds looking nice as well as making the needed repairs.

† EDUCATION/YOUTH---The Fair Booth held at the Becker County Fair was again very successful. Thanks to all who volunteered to staff the booth. Sue Berg was the winner of the quilt raffle. Blessing of the backpacks is set for Sunday, September 12th during worship service. That is also the 1st day of Sunday School. Confirmation begins on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 P.M. Ice Cream Social to be held on Wednesday, August 25th. Trace Mace and Glennis Olson will handle the details. Flyers have been handed out by Jim Brogren Jr. and Gerry and Lillian Nybo. Sunday school may be offered on Wednesday nights as well as Sunday. A decision will be made shortly.

† STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE---There has been a limited response to the stewardship letter that was sent out. Discussion followed about revamping the serving units. No decision was made

† EVANGELISM/OUTREACH--- Ice Cream Social will be held on August 25th. Program.

More minutes to the right ←

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
September 5, 2021	Psalm 146	Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 12, 2021	Psalm 116:1-9	Isaiah 50:4-9a James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 19, 2021	Psalm 54	Jeremiah 11:18-20 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 26, 2021	Psalm 19:7-14	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Mark 9:38-50

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.

Oak Crossing 1040 Lincoln Ave. Detroit Lakes--- **Audrey Ronning**

Frazee Assisted Living 219 West Maple Ave. Frazee--- **Wilma Leitheiser**

AIR CONDITIONING SANCTUARY FUND--- Thanks to the generous donations and memorials from Grace members and others, we have now completed our new sanctuary windows project, new stove for the kitchen, and our sanctuary will be painted the first week in October by Chad Schmit (Maggie's husband.) The council has decided that our next project is to install air conditioning in the sanctuary. As we all know, it gets hot in there during the summertime! The project will either be to install air conditioning or heat pumps which will provide air conditioning. Therefore, from now on, if you will be giving a memorial or want to make a donation towards this new project, you may designate it for the ***AC Sanctuary Fund*** or continue with undesignated memorials. A **BIG** thank you to all who have contributed funds so that we have been able to complete the projects that have improved Grace! Thanks to your generosity!

MEMORIAL GIFTS



Phyllis McCleod	Undesignated	Shirley Gulden	August 1, 2021
Phyllis McCleod	Undesignated	Elvie Zitzow	August 1, 2021
Phyllis McCleod	Oven Fund	Lois Flatau	August 1, 2021
Phyllis McCleod	Undesignated	Bertha Anderson	August 1, 2021
Julia McDonough	General Fund	Gerry & Lillian Nybo	August 8, 2021
Phyllis McCleod	Undesignated	Grace Dunham	August 15, 2021
Phyllis McCleod	Undesignated	Brenda Kurti	August 15, 2021
Phyllis McLeod	Undesignated	Irene Carnegie	August 15, 2021
Alice Vangerud	Undesignated	Irene Carnegie	August 15, 2021
Marion Dwyer	Undesignated	Irene Carnegie	August 15, 2021
Francine Lunde	AC Sanctuary Fund	Elvie Zitzow	August 22, 2021
Francine Lunde	AC Sanctuary Fund	Tom & Kathy Lormis	August 22, 2021
Francine Lunde	AC Sanctuary Fund	Glennis Olson	August 22, 2021
Francine Lunde	AC Sanctuary Fund	Dennis & Elaine Forsell	August 22, 2021
Francine Lunde	AC Sanctuary Fund	Marlys Brasel	August 22, 2021
Francine Lunde	AC Sanctuary Fund	Shirley Gulden	August 22, 2021
Francine Lunde	AC Sanctuary Fund	Gale LaFerriere	August 22, 2021

To Our Church Family:

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, kind words, and support during our mother's passing. Blessings to each of you.

Sheila Longfors and family of Francine Lunde



UPCOMING GRACE EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Friday, September 10th from 4:00-7:00 P.M. and Saturday September 11th from 9:00-noon. A BBQ light supper will be served on Friday night and hot cinnamon and caramel rolls on Saturday morning. You may start bringing in your items and place them in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Gale LaFerriere and Michelle Pary for volunteering to head the Rummage Sale.

Be looking for items to donate to the Rummage Sale!

GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, September 12th. During worship, we will have the "Blessing of the Back Packs" when backpack tags will be provided to the students. We will again be assembling the "Blizzard Boxes" which we did in 2019. These boxes are shelf-stable meals for Meals on Wheels which can be delivered for back-up if there is a blizzard and the hot meals cannot be delivered. Items needed for the "Blizzard Boxes" include the following items:

- A can of chicken and tuna (or 2 chicken or 2 tuna)
- One 14-15 oz. can of fruit or two 4-ounce containers of fruit
- One 14-15 oz. can of vegetables or two 4-ounce containers of vegetable
- 4 packs of saltines or 2 pack of cheese/peanut butter crackers
- 2 hot cocoa packets
- 2 desserts (granola bars, pudding cups, small packs)

There will be boxes sitting in the narthex for your donations. Please be generous!

A lunch will be served following completion of the project!

SALAD LUNCHEON will be held at Grace On Friday, October 8th from 11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Mark your calendars! More details will be forthcoming. We will need LOTS of help and people to donate salads!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PORK ROAST DINNER Richwood Lutheran on Saturday, September 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. The meal consists of: Pork Roast, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, coleslaw, buns, lefse, dessert and beverages. Cost is adults 13 -older \$13.00, children 6-12 \$5.00 and children 5 and under free. Take out meals available.

MEATBALL SUPPER at the United Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 15th from 4:30-7:00 P.M. This is "TO GO" meals only. The meal will include: 2 meatballs, mashed potatoes & gray, roll, green beans, coleslaw and dessert. Cost is \$10.00 each.



WHEN: Monday, September 13th, 2021

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church 213 Roosevelt Ave Detroit Lakes, MN 5650

TRINITY WINTER GEAR GIVE-AWAY for children will be held at Grace on Saturday, October 2nd. Due to construction at Trinity, the location has been moved to Grace. If you have children's and small adult sized gently used winter coats, hats, boots, snow pants, mittens/gloves, and sweatshirts please bring your donations to Grace Lutheran Church 213 Roosevelt Ave. Donations will be accepted Monday-Friday from 9:00 A.M. until noon. Call the church office if you have any questions 847-4568.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



September 3
Katie LaFerriere

September 4
Shane Renner

September 8
Karen Bunnis

September 16
Vivian Wittnebel

September 21
Andrea Brogren

September 22
Ethan Endersbe

September 23
Nicholas Honer

September 26
Kelly Carrier

September 28
Vern Herman

September 29
Lillian Nybo

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



September 1
Ryan & Becky Esser
Dan & Machel Kregel

God Bless You
On your
Anniversary

September 6
Jim & Clarice Zick

September 15
Gary & Dona Rosell

September 21
Dennis & Elaine Forsell

September 30
Shane & Kim Renner

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

IT'S A GRACE THING!



THANK YOU to Jerry Schwoboda and Jerry Nybo who have been making the needed repairs around the church (i.e., coffee pot). You may not know but many times they buy the parts and then donate the cost of the part! Because of this, our maintenance costs sometimes are very minimal. Thank you for your generosity.

THANKS to Gary & Dona Rosell and Dan & Kari Lane who donated dollar bills toward the ice cream cone prizes during the fair. Besides volunteering to staff the booth, they also donated prizes! Thank you for your generosity and help.

THANK YOU to the Grace Church Council members and congregants for the gift card. It was very much appreciated! I love this church and donate a lot of my time to keeping costs down. Thanks again for the gift. It meant a lot to me. *Glennis Olson*

FAIR VOLUNTEERS---THANK YOU

Wow was the fair busy this year! It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves and there were lots of 4-H entries! We talked with families about the coat drive, invited and heard people interested in our upcoming events such the ice cream social and rummage sale, passed out information, took in lots of quilt raffles entries, and had well over 400 kids take part in the sand treasure dig!

Thank you so much to the following people who helped at the booth:

Glennis Olson, Pastor Ann, Dave and Sue Rasmussen, Debra and Bertha Anderson, Jim Brogren Jr, Dan and Kari Lane, Tom and Kathy Lormis and Grayson, Gary and Dona Rosell, and the Mace family. (I pray I didn't miss anyone!)

*A special thank you to Lois Flatau for working the church booth when she was able to pop over from the MN Deer Hunters' Assoc booth. AND, for when my children were so anxious to check out the midway, that they just could NOT work any longer!

*And a BIG THANK YOU to Glennis Olson who signed up for shifts daily, stayed for a LONG shift, and worked the busiest shift (during wristband special). I have made a note for next year Glennis, that Friday during the day is EXTRA busy!

*Last but not least, there are many people that donated money for the booth, prizes and ice cream cone coupons that we gave out this year. I hesitate to mention names as I don't know the complete list, and some may want to be anonymous. Please know you are appreciated!

There are several cute and sweet stories that happened over the weekend with the kids, MANY smiles, and moments of fun digging!

~ *Traci Mace*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 12th. Following the sermon, the children will proceed to their classes.
- * The Blessing of the Back Packs will be held during the worship service on Sunday, September 12th. Children are to bring their school backpacks with them to church. They will receive a special surprise.



THE QUILT WINNER!

Congratulations to Sue Berg of Detroit Lakes who won the quilt from the fair quilt raffle. She was very excited to receive the quilt!

CONFIRMATION

- * Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 P.M. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this first class with their student. Requirements and schedule will be discussed.

THANKS to all who helped with the Ice Cream Social on August 25th. It was an enjoyable event. Bingo was played inside as well as games outside with the children. Thanks also to those who donated money towards the event. Thank you to Dave & Judy Stowman who bought and donated a bean bag toss game for Sunday School and future outdoor events!





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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School Sept - May 10:00 A.M.

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Vision Statement---Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a diverse people.

Address Service Requested



*See you at the Rummage Sale,
Friday, September 10th and
Saturday, September 11th.*

*You may purchase a BBQ
supper on Friday night.*

*On Saturday morning, hot
caramel and cinnamon rolls will
be available for sale.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M....COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED